

New law provides that in any parish, wholly or in part, designated as a primary care health professional shortage area a pharmacist may administer any of the following vaccines:

1. Pneumococcal, to any person eighteen years of age or older.
2. Zoster, to any person fifty years of age or older.

Provides that the pharmacist shall administer each immunization in conformance with the most current vaccination administration as set forth by the U.S. Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Provides that the pharmacist shall report each immunization to DHH, office of public health's Louisiana Immunization Network for Kids Statewide.

Provides that the pharmacist shall report all adverse events he observes or which are reported to him to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System.

Provides that the pharmacist shall maintain for at least two years a record of each immunization administered.

Provides that the pharmacist shall obtain the appropriate credential to administer immunization from the La. Board of Pharmacy.

Provides that the pharmacist shall request the name of a patient's primary care provider prior to the administering of any immunization and notify the provider.

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